

**KITSAP COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 18**  
**Kitsap County, Washington**  
**January 1, 1988 Through December 31, 1990**

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**Schedule Of Findings**

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1. The District Should Not Make Gifts Of Public Funds

Kitsap County Fire Protection District No. 18 operates a joint venture with the City of Poulsbo for fire protection and medic services within the city limits. In July 1990, the district provided medic services to Bob Burns, then a City of Poulsbo council member.

The City of Poulsbo, which does the billing for the district computed the billing as \$273.50. However, the bill was waived by the mayor of the city.

The Washington State Constitution, Article VIII, Section 7, states:

No county, city, town or other municipal corporation shall hereafter give any money, or property, or loan its money, or credit to or in aid of any individual, association, company or corporation, except for the necessary support of the poor and infirm.

A gift of public funds was made when the district provided its services for free despite an established fee schedule.

Furthermore, the Washington State Constitution, Article II, Section 25, states:

The legislature shall never grant any extra compensation to any public officer, agent, employee, servant, or contractor, after the services shall have been rendered . . . .

Extra compensation was provided to Mr. Burns when his bill was waived.

The bill was waived in appreciation of the dedicated service Mr. Burns had given the community over the years.

We recommend:

- a. The district should collect the \$273.50 for services rendered.
- b. The district bill all patients according to the established fee schedule.